GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1861
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2000
COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS ON BRDB
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted a Committee to look into various problems faced by the Border Roads Development Board (BRDB);

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee alongwith its terms of reference;

(c) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report; and

(d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to remove discrimination between the personnel of armed forces and BRDB in terms of benefits and facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a)A Committee has been constituted vide MoD Order No.197/JS(E)/Pers/2000,dated 7.6.2000 to consider the proposals for improvement in the terms and conditions of the GREF personnel.

(b)The composition of the Committee is as below:-

(i) Chairman - Addl. Secretary

(ii) Members - Secretary, BRDB

(i) Jt. Secretary,

(ii) BRDB DDG Pers, BRO

(iii) Director(AG),

(iv) MoD

(i) Member - Dr. A.R. Goyal,

(ii) Secretary DFA (MoD)

The terms of reference of the Committee are enclosed.

(c) The committee was to submit its report within one month.

(d) The personnel of Armed Forces and those of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) are governed by different terms and conditions of service. Consequently, the benefits and facilities available to them are different.

TERMSOF REFERENCE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION N 1861 FOR 3.8.2000

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee will consider various proposals initiated from time to time by HQ DGBR relating to improvement in terms and conditions of GREF personnel.

2. The Committee will examine the reasons for the poor intake of officers in the Organisation and subsequent resignation of such officers, the working environment in which the GREF personnelexecute the tasks entrusted to them and the facilities available in such

places, and the deployment of GREF personnel infar flung, inhospitable, uncongenial, hostile and militant prone areas leading to disruption in social and family life as well as non-availability of educational and other civic facilities.

3. Examine various concessions given to other Central Government employees including Army and para- military forces employed in similar environments vis- Ã -vis militant / insurgent prone and inhospitable terrain conditions and consider applicability of these, mutatis mutandis, to GREF personnel.

4. Having considered the above issues, the Committee will make necessary recommendations to appropriately improve the terms and conditions of service of GREF personnel for consideration by the Government.